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3. Reuters has reported that the Pakistani cabinet has assigned Foreign Minister Bhutto to make a personal appearance before the UN Security Council. He will leave Karachi for New York tomorrow morning. Diplomatic sources in Rawalpindi are quoting Ayub as insistent on firm guarantees by the major powers that any cease-fire should be followed by negotiations on Kashmir.

4. The Indian army apparently continues to be content with a war of attrition on every front except the Sialkot sector where its offensive thrusts are forcing the Pakistanis to concentrate their remaining armor. The threat of Chinese Communist intervention has undoubtedly become a major deterrent to strong offen-

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sive action in the Punjab. However, the Indians apparently feel that they can counter any Chinese penetration except in northern Kashmir.

5. On 20 September Ayub called in Ambassador McConaughy and gave him categorical assurances that there was no collusion or even consultation with the Chinese. He said that Pakistan had no understanding with Peking. He insisted he had no knowledge of Chinese intentions and that all he knew of their moves was what he read in the world press. Ayub then informed McConaughy that he had "recently" sent a message to Peking telling the Chinese "for God's sake do not come in. Do not aggravate the situation." 25X1

[redacted] while there is no confirmation of any Pakistani plea to Peking, some message from Ayub may have contributed to the Chinese decision to extend the ultimatum.

6. An Indian Defense Ministry spokesman has listed the latest casualty figures on the fighting since 5 August. He claimed that Indian forces have killed 3,599 Pakistanis, shot down 64 planes, and knocked out 391 tanks. Indian losses were set at 976 killed, 32 planes were shot down, and "about 100 tanks" were lost. This appears to exaggerate Pakistani losses while minimizing Indian casualties.

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A detailed map of the Himalayan region. The map shows the borders of India, China, Nepal, Bhutan, and parts of Pakistan, Burma, and Afghanistan. Major cities and towns are marked, including New Delhi, Lucknow, Banaras, Kathmandu, Lhasa, and Tsetshang. The map also shows the McMahon Line, the North East Frontier Agency, and the Karakoram Pass. An inset map in the top right corner shows the location of the region within Asia.

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